

The time is
always right
to do what
is right.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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TWO-VEHICLE WRECK...Emergency responders in Elba were dispatched to a two-vehicle wreck Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 18, just prior to 2 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 84 and Alabama Hwy 125 involving the vehicle shown above and a small SUV [with damage in the rear of that vehicle]. No further details were available as of press time.

Registration underway now until Feb. 1st for boys and girls ages 3-12

Elba Parks and Recreation encourages youngsters to participate in upcoming baseball/softball/t-ball season

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Parks and Recreation is gearing up for what it hopes will be a fun-filled season of baseball and softball action for the youth sports program, and recreation director Greg Hanchey hopes all youngsters ages 3-12 will consider participating this year.

For the first time, Elba Parks and Recreation has opened the baseball/softball registration up to kids ages 3 and 4 years old. These youngsters [boys and girls] are invited to participate on a coed tee-ball team.

"Our 3 & 4-year-old tee ball team would be a true tee ball team," Hanchey said. "We are going to try and get our 5 & 6-year-old age group to use coach-pitch, but if a player needed a tee, we would bring one out. We're not going to let a player strike out in that age division."

He said both the 3 & 4-year-old and 5 & 6-year-old age divisions would be coed teams this year, giving an opportunity to children those ages that have shown an interest in playing ball earlier and to help them develop their skills a little



Grounds/facilities employees currently are replacing the dugouts at Elba's Legion Fields in preparation for the upcoming youth baseball season. Elba Recreation director Greg Hanchey said Adam Spicer, head of grounds/facilities, is doing a fantastic job in his new role with the department by leading such projects as this one (as shown above).

more.

"Our ultimate goal is to maybe have a 5 & 6-year-old coed postseason team," Hanchey added.

In allowing coach-pitch for the 5 and 6-year-old age division, he said the main difference in that and coach-pitch for the 7 & 8-year-old group is the distance between the bases. For 7 & 8-year-olds the distance between bases is 60 feet while would only be

50 feet for 5 & 6-year-olds. Also, he said the proximity of where the coach stands to pitch the ball is a little different too in that he/she is a little closer to the batter in the younger age division. Last year, Hanchey said there was not enough participation to form a 9 and 10-year-old girls softball team. While there are many factors to consider that may have caused that, he said he wanted to encourage girls

and boys in that age group to get out and be active by signing up for recreation

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COVID testing available on ESCC campus, Monday - Friday

The Alabama Department of Public Health is partnering with Easy Testing to offer COVID-19 testing at Enterprise State Community College, 600 Plaza Drive, Enterprise, AL 36330.

Testing is now available in the Student Center Parking Lot (Parking Lot C) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The testing utilizes a Yale saliva PCR test with results returned in 24-48 hours.

Anyone needing to be tested can pre-register at Easy-Testing.com, but pre-registration is not required. Insurance is also accepted, but is not required to be tested or to register.

Easy Testing has operated similar testing sites in Baldwin County & Monroe County, Alabama as well as multiple locations in Maricopa County, Ariz., since the beginning of 2021.

Four Elba residents face varying drug-related charges after arrests last week

Last week, officers with the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department made several arrests of Elba residents on alleged drug-related charges with the individuals being placed in the Coffee County Jail.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, Coffee County deputies arrested Emily Walker, age 26, of Elba on a chemical endangerment of a child charge – a Class C felony in Alabama. She was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 3:58 p.m. and released on a \$5,000 bond at 7:45 p.m. that same evening, according to jail records.

Also, on Tuesday, Jan. 11, Elba Police arrested Jonathan Ellis, age 31, of Elba on possession of marijuana – first degree [\$7,500 bond]. He also was charged with carrying a concealed pistol without a permit [\$2,500 bond], and theft by decep-



Daniel Buie faces multiple drug-related charges after his Jan. 13th arrest by Coffee County Deputies.

tion [\$7,500 bond]. As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail, according to jail records.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, Coffee County deputies arrested Daniel Buie, age 51, of Elba on multiple drug

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Random drawing set for March 25th at Elba Elementary School Pre-registration underway for Elba's Pre-K program

Pre-Registration is underway for acceptance into Elba Elementary School's First Class Pre-K program – Alabama's Voluntary Pre-K program.

The pre-registration dates are January 15 – March 25. To pre-register, go online to <https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov>

If in need of assistance with accessing the online application, contact Elba Elementary School at (334) 897-2814.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2022 who are residents of Alabama. Children eligible for kindergarten are not eligible for pre-k.

Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. It may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted

directly to Elba Elementary School.

Enrollees must provide proof of residence – either a current utility bill or copy of a lease or mortgage. It may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to Elba Elementary School.

There is no registration fee for First Class Pre-K programs. Upon enrollment, a child's immunization record must be provided to the school. No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

Acceptance into a First Class Pre-K program is strictly through random drawing. Parent/Guardian does not have to be present at drawing.

Elba Elementary School will conduct its random

drawing for the next Pre-K Class on March 25, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., from the conference room of the school. Email notices of acceptance status will be sent in mid-April.

Again, to pre-register for Elba's pre-k program, go online to <https://prek.alaceed.alabama.gov> before March 25th.

NOTICE:

The Elba City Council will meet Monday evening, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m. for its second bi-monthly meeting in January. Following the council meeting, the Elba Water and Electric Board will conduct its monthly meeting. The meetings are open to the public.

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox proclaims January as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month"

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox has proclaimed January to be Human Trafficking Awareness Month in the City of Elba.

Alabama's Human Trafficking Awareness Month was established in January 2011 in observance of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day to proclaim the equality and freedom of all people, to advocate for legislation, to educate leaders, and to encourage public awareness to the various forms of human trafficking. Human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage, and other methods of slavery.

According to the proclamation signed by Mayor Maddox, the United States government estimates that 600,000 to 800,000 individuals are trafficked across international borders each year and exploited through forced labor and forced sexual activity. Also, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children estimates that 100,000 – 300,000 children are at risk for being trafficked in the United States.

In 2017, the University of Alabama identified 1,167

human trafficking victims within the state of Alabama with 57 percent of those being minors. Homeland Security has identified victims as young as 9-years-old.

Elba's proclamation notes the first step in eliminating human trafficking is to educate the community.

"We must work to ensure that all residents are aware of this problem, how to spot it, and how to report

it," Maddox confirmed in signed the proclamation. "We must work together as a community to bring victims to safety and to punish human traffickers."

The mayor asked all residents of Elba to join in raising the visibility of this crime whose victims are all too often invisible.

"Together, we can become more informed and work to combat its injustices," Maddox said.

Area Happenings

A BEEKEEPING 101 CLASS will be held each Monday, beginning Monday, Jan. 24, at Enterprise State Community College [ESCC]. This is a 10-week course, open to the public, and ends March 28th. Cost to participate is \$15. ESCC is partnering with Southeast Alabama Beekeeping Association member Richard Woodham to bring this class to the community. Each Monday evening class will be from 6:30-8 p.m., and a variety of topics will be covered. Participants can register for the class at https://esccef.formstack.com/forms/communityenrichment_application

THE ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 WILL HOST A FREE PANCAKE SUPPER on the evening of Monday, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. The supper is to celebrate a successful year in 2021 and to thank the community for its support. Everyone is invited to attend, and it is free. The Elba Masonic Lodge is located at 340 Larkin Road in Elba.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL HOST THE ELBA'S GOT TALENT program Thursday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. This talent show will showcase students in grades K-6 and allow students in grades 7-12 to compete – the audience gets to vote for their favorite acts. There will even be a "Teacher" category!



NEW LAW OFFICE OPEN IN ELBA...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday morning, Jan. 14, for Ellzey and Fillingim Law Firm – attorneys Chas Ellzey and Kaelyn Fillingim. The new office is located at 482 Claxton Avenue in Elba [also the home of Lake Realty]. Ellzey & Fillingim can help community residents with a wide variety of legal issues with specialized expertise in elder law, estate planning, family law, COVID-19 compliance, appellate practice, business law and more. Chas Ellzey and Kaelyn Fillingim were joined by their son, Flint, for last Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony along with Elba Mayor Tom Maddox (holding scissors), Elba Chamber officials, city queens, and other friends and colleagues.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"We can easily forgive the child who is afraid of the dark: the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light." - Plato

At least three vehicles hit deer on the 203 Bypass last week! Considerable vehicle damage was reported but apparently there were no personal injuries (except maybe a bump on the head). This was not just at night but right in open daylight. The bottom line is that for some reason the deer are taking to the Bypass (and other roads) in greater numbers right now and we should all ratchet up our alertness for a while – both at night and in the broad daylight.

We are hoping for the final report on the violence at the Texas church last weekend to clear some of our questions. Our understanding is that one man with a gun entered the facility and held all four of those inside hostage. One escaped early and then the other three escaped when the Jewish rabbi threw a chair at the man. Our impression is that this man who had just recently arrived in the US from England was yelling, etc., implying he was having mental issues. Now the big question. . . . Why did law enforcement have to kill the man? It is our understanding he was the lone person in the facility after the four escaped so why the killing? Was he about to set the facility on fire? With our limited knowledge of the details this goes in the category of shooting a person to death because he or she is threatening to commit suicide. Then this thought – Maybe the guy was wanting the police to assist his desire to die!

The battle against COVID-19 - and its various mutations - continues and at times appears to be a losing battle. We still have faith in our medical community being able to drastically reduce the infections and/or do as they have done with things like small pox and polio which the majority of Americans - and the world - have never seen a case of these crippling diseases. All that is due to medical science developing vaccines that prevent them! We might add that when those shots were offered, us children were lined up (at school) and had a needle popped into our arm. Later the polio battle was a bit more humane when they stuck a sugar cube coated with the vaccine into the mouth of the next generation of children. Oh, and we can't recall a single case of refusing the shot, etc. Our arm, and the arms of our childhood peers still carry the scar from the small pox shot. Our parents were so relieved that a preventative was available that they would probably have rioted if our school was skipped during either of the massive inoculation projects.

It is not enough that the national lawmakers in Washington D. C. are raising havoc with . . . everything, now the Alabama legislature is in session and who knows what will come out of Montgomery in the next weeks and months. You can safely bet your neighbor a cup of coffee that when the dust settles on how to spend the pot of gold sent down from Washington to help battle COVID you will hear howls from this corner because so many of our lawmakers appear to view the massive bag of dollars as a box of candy for them to use as they desire . . . like maybe something that will help them get reelected regardless of it being the best use or purpose of the funds(?)

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

Governor Ivey calls special session to handle task of appropriating ARPA Funds

Governor Kay Ivey on Tuesday, Jan. 18, signed a proclamation calling the Alabama Legislature into a special session to handle the task of appropriating the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. "While states like

Alabama are making record economic comebacks, Congress and the Biden White House are wanting our country to spend more and more federal dollars, and now we are tasked with allocating the American Rescue Plan Act funds. I have made clear, that unlike Washington, D.C., Alabama will be wise with these one-time, federal dollars. "I again urge the members of the Legislature to

direct these funds to meet some of Alabama's biggest challenges like statewide broadband connectivity, water and sewer infrastructure, as well as investing funds in our hospitals, nursing homes and other health care providers.

"We must be smart with these one-time, federal dollars by wisely investing – not just casually spending them. This is not free money."

New Brockton student selected to UA Early College Fall 2021 Director's List

A total of 453 students enrolled in UA Early College during the fall 2021 term at The University of Alabama were named to the director's list with an academic record of 3.6 (or higher).

UA Early College allows high school students to get a head start on their college courses. High school sophomores, juniors and seniors enrolled can choose from more than 80 different online and on-campus courses.

The 2021 fall list included Anna Clark of New Brockton. She attends New Brockton High School.

ARREST

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charges. He was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance [bond set at \$7,500 for each charge]. Buie also was charged with a possession of marijuana 2nd charge [\$5,000 bond], and two counts of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond on each charge]. As of press time this week, he remained in the Coffee County Jail.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Tony Burks, age 41, of Elba was arrested by Coffee County deputies on possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond] and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charges [\$1,500 bond]. He was released on bond Monday evening, Jan. 17, according to jail records.



Emily Walker - arrested on Jan. 11th



Jonathon Ellis - arrested on Jan. 11th

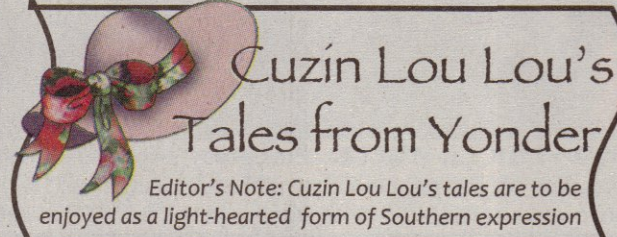


Tony Burks - arrested on Jan. 15th

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Elba Police Report

There is no Elba Police Report this week due to a glitch with the system that generates and sends out the daily activity results for the department. The Elba Clipper staff is told the proper folks have been notified of the glitch, and they are working to try and correct the problem. Stay tuned...



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Legendary comedic actress Betty White would have been 100-years-old Monday of this week had she made it to her birthday. Unfortunately, the beloved actress died Dec. 31st, just weeks shy of the special centennial day.

Cuzin Lou Lou like so many others loved watching Betty White entertain the masses. She always seemed to have a "happy" outlook on life and career. No one really knows if that happiness played a role in Betty living almost 100 years, but it sure does not hurt to believe it to be true. At least, that is the way Cuzin Lou Lou chooses to see it.

One of White's most iconic roles was that of Rose on The Golden Girls. This show about four friends proved to be the epitome of what friendship should be...even years later, the show continues to warm hearts as

people watch reruns of the episodes daily.

"Thank You for Being a Friend" was the catchphrase from the show's opening theme song.

Cuzin Lou Lou has thought a lot lately about that catchphrase.

The world often seems to be stuck in a pattern where kindness is lost on many. One can turn to social media, and it is so easy to find complaining, arguing, making fun of one another, and just plain and simple meanness. Kindness, compassion, love, friendship, etc., all seem much harder to find.

In a time when all are faced with so many different trials and tribulations each and every day, kindness, happiness, and friendship could go a long way in making this 'ole world a better place to live.

In a 2011 Chicago Tribune article, Betty White was quoted, "It's your outlook on life that counts. If you don't take yourself too seriously, pretty soon you can find humor in our everyday lives. And sometimes it can be a lifesaver."

Those who read the Tales from Yonder column each week know without a doubt that Cuzin Lou Lou LOVES to pick on her family and friends. They have even come to expect it, and the thing is, they know she does it all in fun and love.

Cuzin Lou Lou decided a long time ago that she wanted to not only smile every day, but she also wanted to make someone else smile every day. Now, she'd be lying if she said she never failed at that – let's face it, everybody has a bad day from time to time. However, it is Cuzin Lou Lou's goal to be happy and to make those around her happy too.

Also, Cuzin Lou Lou wants to be the kind of person that others will think of her, "thank you for being my friend."

Another great Betty White quote was..."I just make it my business to get along with people so I can have fun. It's that simple."

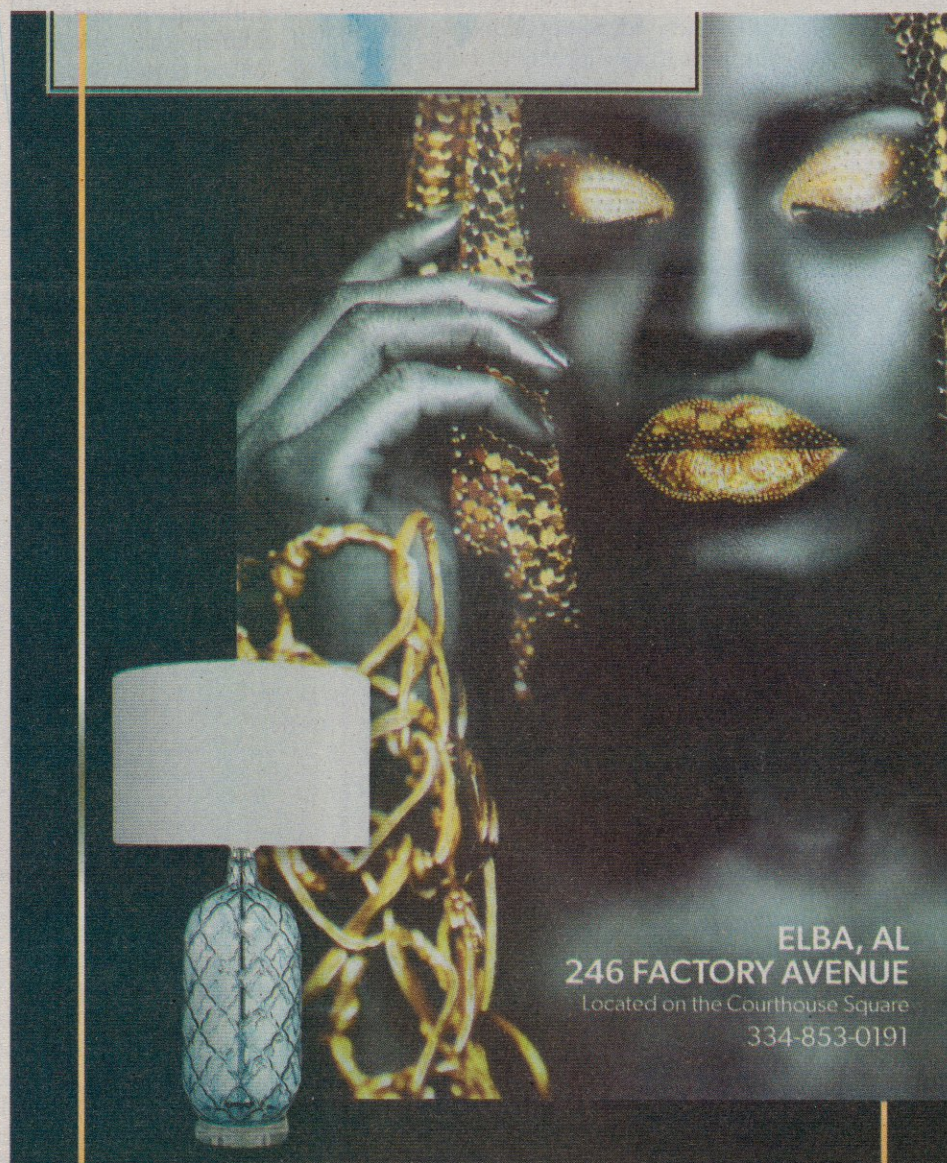
Cuzin Lou Lou thinks that is a pretty good goal to have, so, she is going to strive to get along with people and just have fun! She hopes you will do the same as we all go through this thing called life. Rarely will kindness hurt another person!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Choice This
and Every
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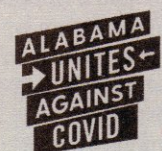
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Protect yourself and those around you. Please get vaccinated today! And if you have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, make sure to get tested.

Find a vaccine and testing near you at [AlabamaUnites.com](https://alabamaunites.com).



'Watchfires' exhibit opens at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum

Artist V.L. Cox brings her new exhibit "Watchfires" to Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum this month, featuring works that employ authentic and found objects to comment on social justice and human rights issues that are still relevant today.

The exhibit remains on display in the museum's gallery until June 18, and is free and open to the public during the museum's normal hours of operation.

Cox was born in Shreveport, La., and raised in Arkansas. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Henderson State University in 1991. A professional artist for 31 years, Cox has been highly active in projects that involve human rights and equality.

Through the "Watchfires" series of work, Cox addresses the divisions within the United States that she believes have reached dangerous levels, only to be made worse against the backdrop of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"I chose the name 'Watchfires' for this body of work for a reason," Cox said. "Those who have paid the ultimate price to fight against the spread of evil, authoritarianism, and fascism, would be shocked at how the values they fought to protect are being purposefully eliminated. Those heroes and sentinels are gone. Now is the time for us to pick up the light that has fallen and take their place — we must be the 'Watchfires.' Now more than ever, we need the 'Watchfires' to burn again through the night to light up the darkness as a beacon of hope, strength, freedom, equality and civility, and to illuminate the path that once was traveled, so people can find their way home."

ADPH says COVID-19 boosters now authorized for ages 12-15

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has sent a health alert network message to Alabama healthcare providers notifying them that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) have endorsed new recommendations for COVID-19 vaccinations.

The updates came about after a thorough and ongoing review of the available safety and efficacy data by the Food and Drug Administration in the setting of surging COVID-19 cases in adults and children, the CDC noted. Known and potential benefits of additional doses were determined to outweigh any potential risks of vaccine.

Changes are summarized as follows:

Authorizes the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as a single booster dose in individuals 12 through 15 years of age. Previously, the booster dose of the vaccine was authorized for adolescents 16 years of age and older.

Lowers the authorized dosing interval of a booster dose to at least five months after completion of a Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna primary series. This authorizes the use of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as a single booster dose in individuals 12 through 15 years of age. Previously, the booster dose of the vaccine was authorized for adolescents 16 years of age and older.

Authorization extends to those receiving a two-dose Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna primary series. The booster dose after the Johnson and Johnson/Janssen vaccine remains at two months. Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccines are only authorized in those 18 years of age and older.

Authorizes a third primary series dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine administered at least 28 days following the two-dose regimen of this vaccine in individuals 5 through 11 years of age who are determined to be moderately to severely immunocompromised. Previously, the vaccine was authorized only for those 12 years of age and older with an immunocompromising condition. No changes were made to the previously authorized use of the vaccine for those 12 years of age and older with immunocompromise.

No updates were made for the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen vaccine, although the CDC reports that a continuous review of the data is ongoing. The mRNA vaccine product continues to be preferred for the primary series and the booster dose.

Studies show that after getting vaccinated against COVID-19, protection decreases over time and may also be decreased due to changes in circulating variants. Pediatric COVID-19 vaccines are available at some pediatric offices, local health departments and pharmacies. Go to alabamapublichealth.gov to learn more about vaccines for children and teens, eligibility by age, and to vaccines.gov find clinic information.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

THOMAS MARVIN PHILLIPS

Mr. Thomas Marvin Phillips, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at his residence.

In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Phillips family.

Survivors include his wife: Robin Phillips; son: Shawn Phillips; step-daughter: Nicole Edelen; brother: Bobby Phillips; and sister: Margie Phillips.

DONNY LEE HARDY

Mr. Donny Lee Hardy, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Jan. 16, 2022 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Ken Chancellor, Rev. Tommy Green and Rev. Danny Bynum officiating. Burial services followed in the Shady Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Donny was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Lorene Jacobs Hardy.

Survivors include his wife: Shelia Hardy, Elba; daughters: Wendy (Don) Everson, Elba, and Amanda (Greg) Whitaker, Troy, Ala.; sons: Thomas Lewis, Luverne, Ala., and Stephen Lewis, Elba; sisters: Sandy Hardy, Gulf Shores, Ala., and Jacky (Jeff) Felix, Wetumpka, Ala.; granddaughters: Anna Hardy, Elba, Elissa Lewis, and Victoria Pettus, both of Luverne; grandsons: Rusty (Courtney) Hardy, Elba, Payton Whitaker, and Kaleb Whitaker, both of Troy, Ala.; and Nicholas (Alana Tatum) Lewis, Luverne, Blake (Ashley Hughes) Lewis, and Ethan Lewis, both of Elba.

GENINE CRAWLEY

Ms. Genine Crawley, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022, at her home in Elba.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Adkins officiating. Burial services followed in the New Home Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughters: Norma (Wayne) Sanders, and Judy Crawley, both of Elba; sons: Eddie Hudson, Elba, Tommy Crawley, Texas, Ronnie

(Dori) Crawley, Florida, Ala., Jimmy Crawley, and Bobby Crawley, both of Elba; brother: Robert Hudson, Elba; sisters: Pastine Henderson, Enterprise, Ala., Jewel McKinny, Daleville, Ala., and Cathrine Smith, Prattville, Ala.; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

JOHNNY WILBURN BLACKMON

Mr. Johnny Wilburn Blackmon, age 80, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, Ala.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at 2 p.m., from Hayes Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Fields officiating. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include his daughters: Lori Blackmon Poynor, Niceville, Fla., Dori (Ronny) Crawley, Florida, Ala., and Mandi (Travis) Powers, Elba; sons: Johnny Kim Blackmon, Elba, and Tim (Tina) Blackmon, Ocean Springs, Miss.; brothers: Jerome Blackmon, New Brockton, Ala., and Jimmy Blackmon, Jacksonville, Fla.; sisters: Jackie Kirkland, and Janet Dawkins, both of Dothan, Ala.

MAGRATHA BOWDEN

Mrs. Magratha Bowden, age 86, of Jack, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at

her home surrounded by her family. She was a 1954 graduate of Elba High School.

Mrs. Bowden was a longtime member of Victoria Baptist Church.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2022, at the Victoria Community Cemetery with Rev. Shane Allen officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

Mrs. Bowden is preceded in death by her father, William Basil Crook; mother, Willie Thelma Crook; and her brother, Kendall Crook.

Survivors include her husband of 67 years: Charles Bowden, Jack; son: Ricky (Phillis) Bowden, Satsuma, Ala.; daughter: Reatha (David) Kelley, Jack; granddaughter: Jessica (Chase) Walley, Mobile, Ala.; grandsons: Jonathan Bowden, Mobile, Dustin (Toni) Kelley, Dothan, Ala., Kyle Kelley,

and Dana Overton, Level Plains, Ala.; great-grandson: Gresham Crawford, DeFuniak Springs; sisters: Dannette (James) Hataway, Elba, and Anita Castell, Daleville, Ala.; eight great-grandchildren, and she was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her first great great-granddaughter, Gabriella Lynne Crawford.

JOHN ROLAND CAULEY

Mr. John Roland Cauley, age 75, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at 10 a.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Stanley Key officiating. Burial followed in the Consolation Cemetery. Visitation was from 9-10 a.m. on Wednesday at Hayes Funeral Home.

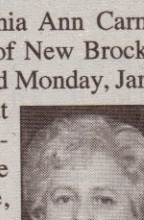
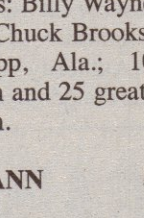
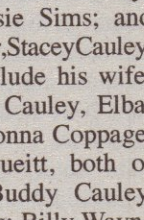
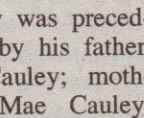
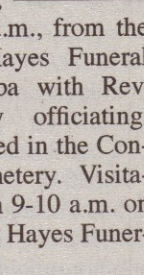
Mr. Cauley was preceded in death by his father, Dalton A. Cauley; mother, Eunice Mae Cauley; daughter, Susie Sims; and granddaughter, Stacey Cauley. Survivors include his wife: Carolyn Sue Cauley, Elba; daughters: Donna Coppage, and Betty Dueitt, both of Elba; son: Buddy Cauley, Elba; brothers: Billy Wayne Cauley, and Chuck Brooks, both of Opp, Ala.; 10 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

CYNTHIA ANN CARNLEY

Mrs. Cynthia Ann Carnley, age 74, of New Brockton, Ala., died Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022, at 2 p.m., from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Joel Snell officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday from 1-2 p.m.

Survivors include her sons: Randy Crawford, and John Vernon Crawford, both of New Brockton; grandson: Ozzie Crawford, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.; granddaughters: Brandy Davis, Elba,



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Pre-planning a funeral (also known as preneed) is a funeral plan that is made while someone is living. Pre-planning a funeral can be done at any time. You can do it by yourself or with a family member. It can also be helpful to enlist the support of a funeral director if you have any questions or need advice about different options.

When you pre-plan you can make big decisions, such as whether you would like to be buried or cremated, where you would like the service to be held, or where you would like your final resting place to be. But you can also make smaller decisions such as what kind of food you would like served or what songs you would like played.

Give yourself and your family peace of mind. Many people have definite ideas about what they want or do not want to be done surrounding their death. It can provide comfort to know you have written down your desires. It can be comforting to your family knowing they are able to honor your wishes.

Save money. When the time comes to plan a funeral, there is often little time allowed for shopping around. Many families may rush to plan a funeral which may lead to paying higher costs. Pre-planning can allow you time to shop around and compare prices.

Be more financially prepared. If you know what your funeral plan will cost, you can find ways to start paying for it. You could visit a funeral home to set up a pre-need plan where you pay the costs of the funeral outright while you are still living. You could also look into other payment methods such as setting up a savings account or purchasing insurance.

Save your family time and stress. Grieving is already difficult. By having a plan in place, you free your family up to focus on supporting each other.

Prevent family conflict. When a family member passes away unexpectedly, family members are often left having to guess what they would have wanted. This can lead to disagreements. If you are concerned there may be disagreements on funeral or burial practices within your family, having a plan in place can be very helpful.

To begin pre-planning your funeral, start by writing down your thoughts and wishes. Make sure to keep your document in a safe and accessible place. If you have any questions or need advice, contact your funeral director who can help you get started.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Elba Senior Center will assist those applying for Senior FMNP vouchers

There are two components to the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs), the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FMNP, WFMNP and the Senior FMNP, SFMNP. FMNPs provide a direct tie between production agriculture and nutrition by providing seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children the opportunity to buy fresh local produce directly from farmers.

Goals of the Farmers Market Nutrition Programs (FMNPs):

1) To provide fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs from farmers markets and roadside stands to low-income seniors and nutritionally at risk women and children.

2) To increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding or aiding in the expansion of farmers markets, roadside stands.

3) To develop or aid in the development of new and additional farmers markets, roadside stands.

No person is "entitled" to SFMNP checks; as the budget does not allow enough checks to satisfy everyone who wishes to receive them and is eligible. Issuance is on a first come-first serve

basis until all available funds are expended.

Senior FMNP: Both criteria must be met in order to receive SFMNP coupons.

1. Age - person must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application, no one under age 60 is eligible.

2. Income level - to be eligible on the basis of income, recipients' gross household income must not exceed the following limits:

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(Household: a group of related or non-related individuals living together as one economic unit. These amounts are at 165% of 2020-2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines.)

The Senior FMNP is administered by the Alabama Department of Agriculture & Industries, Farmers Market Authority Section to provide coupons to low-income

seniors that are 60 years of age or older that can be used to purchase eligible foods (fruits, vegetables, honey, and fresh-cut herbs) from farmers that grow them and are selling them directly to you at local farmers markets and roadside stands.

If interested in applying for the SFMNP vouchers, complete and submit an application on the website. If approved, participant will

receive vouchers by mail to be used at Farmers Market Authority (FMA) approved markets and roadside stands. The coupons/vouchers must be expended by November 15 of the calendar year received.

Anyone needing assistance in applying for the SFMNP vouchers should contact Donna Falls, Elba Senior Citizens Center director, at (334) 897-3019.

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

This past Monday we commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. In the United Methodist Book of Worship there is a lovely, powerful prayer interspersed with quotations from the famous "Letter from the Birmingham City Jail" by Dr. King. This week, I invite all to reflect upon and pray with these words:

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King, Jr., that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

Therefore, let us pray for courage and determination by those who are oppressed....

We remember Martin's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice...

We remember Martin's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Therefore, let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven....

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the Church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the Church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us....

We remember Martin's "hope that dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear drenched communities and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God.

The United Methodist Book of Worship, 435

Church trying to re-establish

Holy Temple COGIC seeks sound equipment donations

Holy Temple C.O.G.I.C., located in Glenwood, Ala., is seeking a sound system donation.

The church is in a rebuilding phase, and any donations of this type of equipment would be greatly

appreciated. The church is located at 111 Boyd Street in Glenwood [mailing address is PO Box 174, Glenwood, AL 36034].

For more information, email: olabharis@yahoo.com or call (334) 304-5951.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: Prayer for Deliverance from Evil Men. Psalm 140: 1-13

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

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February Birthdays

Ilaya O. Kelley 2/18
Alexis M. Tillis 2/18
Danielle Hardwick 2/18
Sage Kelley 2/19
Alfred Purvis 2/19
Eliza N. Kelley 2/20

Rejection Is Not The End

I once had a job raising money for the non-profit. In the beginning, I called only prospective donors. I usually received more no's than yeses. Some prospective donors were outright rude when they refused. These calls were demoralizing, but how I dealt with them affected future calls. I had to learn that just because someone had rejected my request harshly did not mean the next person would. To be successful, I had to move on from the bad calls into the next call with a positive attitude, expecting a positive outcome.

It is hard to imagine what would have happened if Jesus had allowed His hometown's rejection to stop Him. There would have been no cross, no

resurrection, no redemption. Thanks be to God for Christ's perseverance! Likewise, we must not consider experiences of rejection as permission to give up God's mission. - L.H.P.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 1/20/22
Fill in the Blank

Q: Those with leprosy were required to cry out

A: unclean, unclean [Leviticus 13:45]

Q: Paul was anxious to visit the Romans so that he could impart some

A: spiritual gifts [Romans 1:11]

Q: While we were yet _____, Christ died for us.

A: sinners [Romans 5:8]

Remember:

You're not a hopeless case if your hope is in Jesus Christ.

Questions for the Week of 1/27/22
Multiple Choice

Q: After revealing himself to his brothers, Joseph wanted to know about whom? (Rachel) (Jacob) (Benjamin)

Q: What was Joshua told to remove because where he stood was Holy? (sword) (shoe) (helmet)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



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IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN
ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Harry Driggers, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.
BETHLE AHE CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.
BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remona Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.
EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.
ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.
ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.
ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.
FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adecek, Pastor
Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.
HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:00 p.m.
HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday... 7:30 p.m.
OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.
PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.
PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.
ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
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Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.
SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.
TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.
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PROJECT NO.: 21-321

Requirements for Pre-qualification: All potential bidders shall contact the Architect at mckeepplans@gmail.com to receive the criteria to be used for the pre-qualification of project. (AIA Document A305 and Questionnaire). All general contractors that have previously pre-qualified with Coffee County School System are not required to prequalify - notify the Architect on your letterhead of your Intent to Bid @ mckeepplans@gmail.com. **Pre-qualification Packages** for the above referenced project will be received at the office of the McKee Architects, 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, AL 36104 until Thursday, January 20, 2022 @ 2:00 PM. Pre-qualification Packages shall be sent through the following e-mail account: mckeepplans@gmail.com. A list of qualified contractors shall be available from the Architect. The Owner at his choosing can add additional Contractors after the date above.

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LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors, to Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, on May 2, 2002, said mortgage being recorded in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 62A, at Page 92, and Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, by reason of such default, having declared all the indebtedness secured by said mortgage due and payable, and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Mortgagees, will sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., on February 17, 2022, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to wit:

PARCEL NO. I: Lots No. 5 and 6 of the Ward Addition to the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; said lot bounded on the North by the land of Fred Free and Shirley Free, husband wife, (formerly owned by Mrs. A.J. Ward); on the East by Stephens Street; South by a 10 foot alley; West by lands of Mrs. A.J. Ward; running West 150 feet; thence North 100 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence 100 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL NO. II: One ten foot alley bounded on the North by Parcel I described above (formerly the H.H. Bradberry property); East by Stephens Street; South by property of M.C. Free (formerly property of Mrs. Sallie Williams); and West by Mrs. A.J. Ward's property, running West 150 feet from Stephens Street, situated lying and being in the town of Kinston, Alabama, and being between lots four and five in Block I, Ward Addition.

The above referred to parcels of land being more particularly described as follows:

A lot or parcel of land lying and being in Section 20, T3N, R19E of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point of intersection of the Northwest right-of-way of Stephens Street and the North right of way of Hickman Street in the Town of Kinston, Coffee County, Alabama; thence in a Northerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 200 feet to the point of beginning; thence in a Southwesterly direction 150 feet, more or less to a point; thence in a Northerly direction parallel with the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet, more or less, to a point; thence in a Northeasterly direction 150 feet to the West right-of-way of Stephens Street, thence in a Southerly direction along the West right-of-way of Stephens Street 110 feet to the point of beginning.

NOTE: The above parcels of land are the same parcels of land conveyed by A.J. Ward and wife, Lena Ward to H.H. Bradberry on September 9, 1925 and November 24, 1931 and filed for record in Deed Book D-3 at Page 293 and Deed Book 1-A at page 446, Office of the Judge of Probate, Elba, Coffee

County, Alabama, Parcels I and II respectively.

NOTE: The property described hereinabove is the same property heretofore conveyed by Helen Lamurl B. Smart and Husband, James W. Smart to H.B. McWaters and Inez McWaters, husband and wife, by Warranty Deed, jointly for life with remainder to survivor, dated 24 July, 1982, filed for record in the Probate Office of Coffee County, Alabama, on the 27th day of July, 1982 at 4:10 o'clock P.M. and recorded in Deed Book 79-A at Pages 271-272. That H.B. McWaters died on May 5, 1994, and that said property came to be owned in its entirety by Inez K. McWaters, by virtue of the survivorship provision in the said deed.

In accordance with the above referred mortgage recorded as above said referred, the said Gayle Gist and wife, Paula Gist, Mortgagors have been delinquent in payment of the note to the said Michael K. Harrison and Joan Stephens, Payees/ Mortgagees, which said mortgage herein referred suers for more than ninety (90) days and the said herein referred mortgage due in full and by law the Mortgagees herein give notice of default, payment in full and/or foreclosure as prescribed by law and the Elba Clipper, a local newspaper of general circulation in Coffee County, Alabama, shall publish this notice in said publication for three (3) consecutive weeks, that the real property will be sold at the Courthouse, Elba, Alabama as herein noticed, by auction and/or public outing the highest bids.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, and also together with all buildings, structures, equipment, fixtures and other improvements now existing, erected or installed thereon.

Said sale will be made subject to the highest bidder for cash and the sale being subject to rejection and the action being set aside at any time and restrictions of record in the Probate Office aforesaid, matters of survey, and to any Federal or State Tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the premises.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above described mortgage to Gayle Gist and Paula Gist, Mortgagees, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of said mortgage.

/s/ Michael K. Harrison
signature
MICHAEL K. HARRISON,
Mortgagee
Kinston, Alabama 36453

/s/ Joan Stephens signature
JOAN STEPHENS,
MORTGAGEE
Kinston, Alabama 36453
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PUBLIC NOTICE: This letter gives notice of the sale of the vehicles listed below for the purpose of redeeming wrecker service, repair order and storage charges of said vehicles. The following vehicles will be available for sale at Cook Chevrolet Inc. 610 N Troy Rd Elba, AL 36323 **02/08/2022** at 8:00 a.m.:

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that softball practice has started our grandson Lawson comes to the house every afternoon after school, climbs in his recliner and plays video games while waiting for his afternoon snack. I know he would rather be at home, but he has never complained about his daily visits with his Nanny and Granddaddy, and since he does his homework at school, neither do I.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers snapped a six-game losing streak* and proved they were still a team to keep an eye on with a 22-point Friday night win over Northside Methodist. The Tigers were short-handed in the game due to health issues, but used two big scoring streaks to take command and posted the must-needed win with three area games still on the schedule. Elba's players still do some things that drive me crazy at times, but they never slow down and it is their aggressive style of play that gives them a chance to win.

*** *The Elba Lady Tigers posted two wins* in three outings to push their record to 9-8 with three weeks left on the schedule. The Lady Tigers aren't the most talented team in the area and are basically a two-handed animal on offense, but really get after it on defense and in their two wins last week pushed the defense out to full court. So far this season Elba has pretty much won the games it was supposed to win and lost the games it was supposed to lose, but something tells me the Lady Tigers are ready to change that and are still looking for an area title.

*** *The high school basketball season* has really picked up the intensity in recent weeks and it looks like a fun few weeks as the regular season draws to an end. Over on the boy's end of the court, Brantley is on a furious run and all of the sudden looks like a possible state title contender, while Kinston has been on fire and has made it known it will be a team to keep an eye on in post-season play, Zion Chapel plays hard for all four quarters every night out and is a team no one really wants to play, and New Brockton is struggling, but still dangerous. On the girl's end of the court, Brantley has improved and is capable of beating any team on its schedule on any given night, Kinston has one of the area's top scorers and is a team no one can overlook, Zion Chapel has really improved and gets the attention of its opponents, and New Brockton plays hard and is looking to the future.

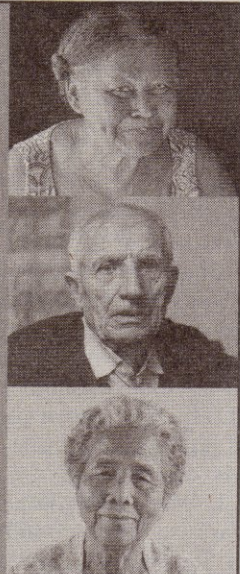
*** *Now that the NCAA allows free agency* for college athletes and is forced to let the players in all sports earn money from their 'Name, Image and Likeness,' the landscape of college sports has changed forever. It was big news last year when it was revealed Alabama quarterback Bryce Young had reached the one-million-dollar mark in endorsements, but that is now old news as recently it was reported the incoming class at Texas A & M has already reached over \$30 million in endorsements. That is over one million per recruit, which isn't a bad reason to sign with the Aggies. If a school can tell a recruit they can guarantee a million bucks in endorsements if they sign, any teenager would be crazy not to jump at the offer. Hey, even Alabama softball standout Montana Fouts has taken advantage of the new 'NIL' rule and has \$1.5 million in endorsements. I understand the NCAA decided to allow players to transfer due to the number of coaches that move around, but the 'NIL' endorsements have made players millionaires while still in college and I am afraid will lead to schools trying to outbid other schools for incoming athletes. Yep, it is a new world we are living in.

*** *In closing....* I have decided to go public with my belief that the court at the Elba High gym needs to be named the 'Karl Bledsoe Court.' Coach Bledsoe led the Tigers to three straight trips to the Final Four and the schools only state championship in a century of playing basketball, and is without a doubt the most successful coach in a long line of successful coaches at Elba High. It would be a well-deserved honor for the longtime Elba teacher, administrator and coach, and one that is past due. I remember how touched Coach Mack Wood was when the field at Tiger Stadium was named 'Mack Wood Field' and how happy I was that it happened while he was still alive and able to enjoy the feeling. Now is the time to honor Coach Bledsoe. Okay, school folks, now the ball is in your court!

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Snap losing streak

Tigers knock off Knights 62-40

The Elba Tigers closed another busy week with a much needed win to snap a six-game losing streak heading into the second week of area play.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

G.W. Long 63 Elba 35

The Elba Tigers continued their recent losing streak with a 63-35 road loss to the G.W. Long Rebels.

The Tigers had a hard time finding their way to the goal and slowing down the Rebels attack in the opening stanza as G.W. Long raced out to an early 20-6 lead. Elba began to settle down in the second quarter, but trailed 39-17 at the half and never threatened as the Tigers dropped the key area contest.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 13 points and Byron Burks added 10 to lead Elba, while other Tigers scoring included Jordan Marek 3, JT Coleman 3 and Alvin Henderson 6. Avery Roberts scored 21 points to lead the Rebels, while Kobie Stringer added 20 and Blayne McDaniel scored 9.

Ariton 54 Elba 41

The Elba Tigers fell behind big in the first half and saw a spirited second half rally fall short in a 54-41 area loss to the Ariton Purple Cats.

Elba trailed only 7-5 after one quarter of play, but watched as the Purple Cats used a 21-6 second quarter spurt to carry a big 28-11 lead in the half. Alvin Henderson scored 20 points in the second half to spark the Tigers rally. However, Ariton never lost command and handed Elba the area loss.

Lady Tigers win two

The Elba Lady Tigers closed another busy week with two impressive wins last week to push their record to 9-8 on the season.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

G.W. Long 60 Elba 27

The Elba Lady Tigers never got on track on either end of the court in a 60-27 road loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels.

The Lady Tigers trailed by 10 points after just one quarter and things only got worse in the second stanza as they scored only four points and went in at the half on the short end of a 32-10 score. Elba battled until the final buzzer, but never threatened to get back in the game as they dropped the key area contest.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 13 points and Alayvia Stinson added 6 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Nina Williams 4, Kendra Juarez 2 and Casey Williams 2. Lilly Grace Payne and Maleah Long both scored 14 points to spark the Lady Rebels, while Emmaline Hughes added 11.

Elba 45 Ariton 22

The Elba Lady Tigers overcame a sluggish first half to claim an impressive 45-22 area win over the Ariton Lady Cats.

The Lady Tigers scored only 15 points in the first half and carried a slim 15-10 lead in the half, but A'Lyric Whitfield nailed two long three-pointers and scored 11 points to ignite a big third quarter and then combined with Nina Williams to add 11 points in the fourth quarter to pull away and claim the big 45-22 area win.

Alvin Henderson scored 22 points to lead Elba, while also scoring were Chrystyle Caldwell 8, Zay Daniels 5, JT Coleman 3, Brayden Johnson 2 and Byron Burks 1. Ian Senn scored 17 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and handed out 7 assists to lead the Purple Cats, while Isaiah Johnson added 13 points and 10 rebounds, Andyn Garris added 13 points, and Landon Tyler added 8 points and 11 rebounds.

Elba 62 Northside Methodist 40

The Elba Tigers put an end to their victory drought Friday night with a big 62-40 win over the Northside Methodist Academy Knights, at the Elba High gym.

Elba owned a slim 16-15 lead early in the second quarter, but went on a 15-0 run sparked by the scoring of Jordan Marek and Zaydrian Daniels to stretch its lead to 31-15, and carried a comfortable 35-22 lead in at intermission.

Chrystyle Caldwell sparked a 14-0 Tigers run to open the third quarter to push their lead to 49-22, and while Caldwell picked up his fourth foul with 3:41 left in the quarter, the Tigers never missed a beat and Byron Burks got hot late to lead Elba to the big 62-40 win.

Zaydrian Daniels scored 18 points and Byron Burks added 15 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jordan Marek 9, Chrystyle Caldwell 9, Brayden Johnson 5, JT Coleman 4 and Alvin Henderson 2. Justice Hallman scored 14 points and Kane Helder added 8 for the Knights.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 17 points and Nina Williams added 12 to lead the Lady Tigers, while also scoring for Elba were Makayla Moore 2, Alayvia Stinson 5, Kendra Juarez 8 and Brooke Tinsley 1. Macileigh Bragg score 8 points and Ansleigh Herring added 6 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Cats.

Elba 47 Northside Methodist 33

The Elba Lady Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and never looked back in a 47-33 win over the Northside Methodist Academy Lady Knights, Friday night in Elba.

Elba carried a slim 16-15 lead into the second quarter despite Nina Williams and A'Lyric Whitfield combining for three three-pointers and a total of 14 points in the opening stanza. Whitfield and Kendra Juarez combined for 11 points in the second quarter and the Lady Tigers defense limited the Lady Knights to just two points as Elba carried a 29-17 lead in at the half.

Williams drained her second three-pointer of the game and scored five points in the third quarter to help Elba up its lead to 42-23, and the Lady Tigers reserves came in late to mop up the solid 47-33 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 19 points and Nina Williams added 15 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 8, Ny'Asia McCollough 3 and Brooke Tinsley 2. Layne Grooms scored 12 points and Kayden Williams added 11 for the Lady Knights.



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (5) drives to the basket. Caldwell scored 30 points in three games last week.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba Lady Tiger Tajah Purvis (4) dribbles along the baseline in recent high school basketball action.

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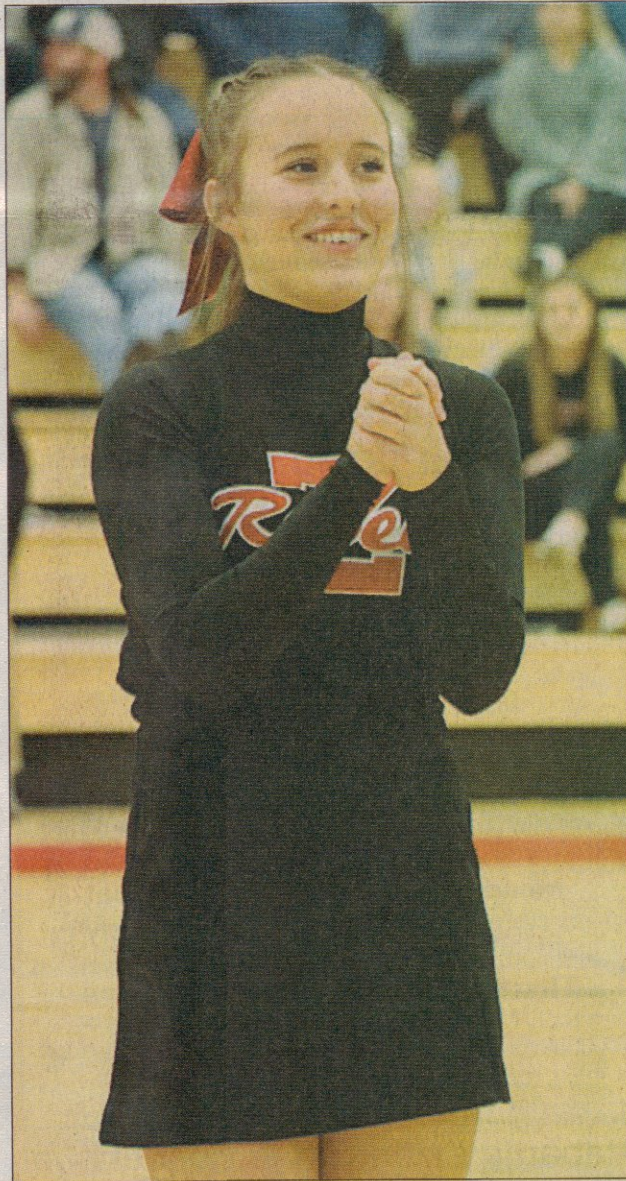
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SPORTS NEWS



Elba JV Tiger Levi Mills (5) goes up for a basket in a recent win.

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Zion Chapel Rebels cheerleaders have had plenty to cheer about this season on the court.

(Photo by Heather Adcock)

Basketball

SCHEDULES

| | |
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| Thursday, Jan. 20 | Tuesday, Jan. 25 |
| Goshen at Zion | Elba at Ariton |
| Chapel | Goshen at New |
| Brantley at Georgiana | Brockton |
| Friday, Jan. 21 | Floral at Kinston |
| Zion Chapel at Elba | G.W. Long at Zion |
| New Brockton at | Chapel |
| Goshen | Brantley at J.F. |
| Kinston at Opp | Shields |
| Saturday, Jan. 22 | Thursday, Jan. 27 |
| Highland Home at | Elba at Kinston |
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VARSITY BOYS:

Brantley 52 J.F. Shields 26 – The Brantley Bulldogs took charge early and never eased up in a convincing 52-26 win over the J.F. Shields Panthers. Kedrick Brown scored 15 points and pulled down 15 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Khaliq Smith, Jayden Parks, Robert Shine and Morell Edwards all added 8 points.

Ariton 48 Zion Chapel 45 – The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a 48-45 area decision to the Ariton Purple Cats. Chase Horstman scored 15 points and Jacob Chestnut added 11 points to lead the Rebels, while Ian Senn scored 22 points to lead the Purple Cats.

Opp 61 New Brockton 33 – The New Brockton Gamecocks were simply outmatched in a 61-33 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Yassiah Rousseau scored 16 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Jabbari Hill scored 19 points and had 10 steals, and AJ Coleman added 12 points to lead the Bobcats.

Floral 54 Kinston 48 – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped a hard fought 54-48 area contest to the Floral Wildcats. Cale Sumblin scored 21 points and grabbed 7 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Connor Tew added 8 points and 6 rebounds, and Reece Hall pulled down 10 rebounds. Rayshon Coleman poured in 34 points to lead the Wildcats.

G.W. Long 64 Zion Chapel 50 – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 64-50 road loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Jacob Chestnut scored 19 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Brady Cobb added 11 and Zay Adair scored 10. Avery Roberts scored 25 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to pace Long, while Kobie Stringer added 13 points.

Kinston 40 Opp 33 – The Kinston Bulldogs surprised Class 3A's sixth-ranked Opp Bobcats in an exciting 40-33 homecourt win. Reece Hall scored 13 points and Owen Patterson added 8 to lead the Bulldogs, while Zack Hill scored 9 points and grabbed 10 rebounds for the Bobcats

VARSITY GIRLS:

Brantley 53 McKenzie 27 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs continued their dominance against area foes with a 53-27 win over the McKenzie Lady Tigers. Kayden Dunn scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while KoKo Stamps added 16 points and 8 rebounds.

Ariton 42 Zion Chapel 15 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never caught up in a 42-15 area loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Shea Wambles scored 7 points to lead the Lady Rebels, while Macileigh Bragg scored 14 points and had 5 steals to lead the Lady Cats.

Pike County 54 New Brockton 15 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 54-15 area decision to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs. Auriel Moultry scored 15 points and had 5 steals and Kyah Rouse added 11 points, 9 steals and 5 assists to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

G.W. Long 63 Zion Chapel 20 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels couldn't keep up in a 63-20 loss to G.W. Long. Kaylen McAlister scored 7 points and Meri Cason Prescott added 6 to lead Zion Chapel, while Emma Claire Long scored 13 points to lead Long, while Lilly Grace Payne and Maleah Payne both added 12 points.

Floral 64 Kinston 25 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dropped a 64-25 area decision to the Floral Lady Cats. Kelsi Cardwell scored 16 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Opp 53 New Brockton 23 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks never got on track in a 53-23 area loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Aniya Barkley scored 9 points and Courtney Keith added 7 to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Vanessa Stoudemire scored 25 points, had 5 steals, grabbed 4 rebounds and handed out 2 assists to lead the Lady Bobcats.

Opp 38 Kinston 35 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 38-35 loss to the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kelsi Cardwell scored 20 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while the Lady Bobcats were led by Vanessa Stoudemire with 10 points, 6 rebounds and 6 assists.

JUNIOR VARSITY:

Pike County 30 New Brockton 13 – The New Brockton Gamecocks had a hard time finding their way to the goal in a 30-13 loss to the Pike County Bulldogs. Chase Ray scored 6 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Michael Walker led the Bulldogs with 11 points.

Elba 34 G.W. Long 25 – The Elba Tigers used a big second half to pull away and claim a 34-25 road win over the G.W. Long Rebels. The Tigers led only 12-10 at the half, but took command in the third quarter and pulled away for the win. Jamal Siler scored 10 points and Cameron Gray added 8 to lead Elba, while Brayden Whitehead led the Rebels with 8 points.

Elba 30 Ariton 21 – The Elba Tigers broke loose in the fourth quarter to post an exciting 30-21 win over the Ariton Purple Cats. The score was tied at 15-15 heading into the final stanza, but the Tigers poured in 15 points in the quarter to pull away and claim the win. Jamal Siler scored 9 points to lead Elba, while Tyler led the Purple Cats with 10 points.

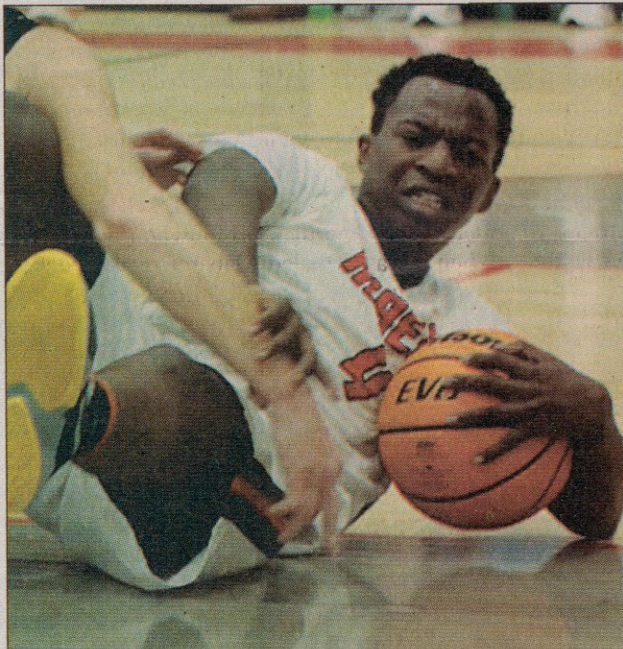
Zion Chapel 43 G.W. Long 40 – The Zion Chapel Rebels connected on three free throws in the final seconds of the game to down G.W. Long 43-40. Mason Stuart scored 20 points and Slade Grantham added 12 to lead Zion Chapel, while Brayden Whitehead led Long with 12 points.

Elba 39 Northside Methodist 24 – The Elba Tigers spotted Northside Methodist an early lead and came roaring back to knock off the Knights 39-24. Elba trailed 8-7 after one quarter, but carried a 17-12 lead in at the half and slowly pulled away to post the win. Levi Mills and Jacob Watkins both scored 10 points to lead the Tigers, while Landon Dodson led the Knights with 10 points.



Brantley Lady Bulldog Kayden Dunn (24) fires one up from behind the arc. Dunn scored 18 points in an area win over McKenzie.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)




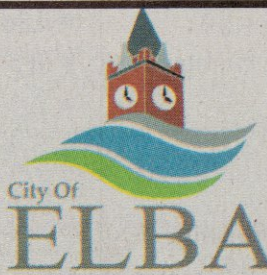
Zion Chapel Rebel Zay Adair goes to the floor to secure a loose ball in a recent win.

(Photo by Heather Adcock)

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LIFESTYLES

To be a fundraiser for Elba High School football

Wrestling event coming to Elba in March

A fundraiser planned in March to benefit the Elba High School football program will bring live TNA Wrestling action to the Elba High School gymnasium.

On Friday, March 18, an in-school show will be held in conjunction with a drug prevention program at 2 p.m. for Elba High School and Elba Elementary School students. Admission to this program is only \$2.

At 7 p.m. that night, a community show will be held inside the high school gymnasium. This will include a five-match event filled with fun and family entertainment.

There also will be a Battle Royal to end the evening.

Tickets will go on sale soon for the Friday night, March 18, event. Ticket prices will be: \$10 for general admission and \$20 for ringside seating [ringside seating will be limited].

Make plans to visit now!

Smithsonian traveling exhibit coming to Elba this February

The Alabama Humanities Alliance has partnered with the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (moMS) program to bring the Water/Ways traveling exhibition to five Alabama cities, and Elba is the final stop on the tour.

Traveling through five Alabama cities – Danville, Guntersville, Bessemer, Camden, and Elba – Water/Ways dives deep into the role that water plays in the everyday lives of Alabamians. That includes how water "connects us to nature, sustains life as we know it nurtures our cities and our culture, unites or divides people and communities, and affects how we live, work, worship, create, and play.

This informative Smithsonian exhibit opens in Elba at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba) on Monday, Feb. 7th. Daily opening hours have not been posted yet.

Also, Elba and the Alabama Humanities Alliance will host a SUPER Teacher Workshop – WATER WISE: Exploring the History, Diversity and Value of Alabama's Waterways in conjunction with the exhibit on Friday, Feb. 18, at the Elba Public Library, also located in downtown Elba.

Participants of the workshop will explore how Alabama's waterways have shaped Alabama's history, learn to use Google Earth in the classroom, tour the traveling Smithsonian exhibit at the Elba Theatre, and walk to the WPA levee in Elba. Instructors will be Dr. Jim Brown, Ph.D., retired historian (Samford University), and Dr. Bill Deutsch, Ph.D., retired aquatic biologist (Auburn University).

Teacher benefits include a \$100 stipend, 5 CEU credits, lunch, tour of Water/Ways, and copy of Dr. Deutsch's book, Alabama Rivers.

Visit the website [https://alabamahumanities.org/program/water-ways/] to register for the teacher workshop.

For more information about the exhibit and/or the teacher workshop, contact Sandy Bynum-Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Call (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net

"We are very excited to have this exhibit coming to Elba and hope everyone plans to stop by and see it," said Bynum-Williams.

Ingerman named to SNHU President's List

Christal Ingerman, Elba, Ala., has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 President's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President's List.

County extension office to host Ag Outlook meeting

The Coffee County Extension office will host a 2022 Ag Outlook Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the

Enterprise Farmers Market in Enterprise, Ala.

This Ag Outlook meeting will discuss market outlooks and trends for row crops and

NOTICE:

Enterprise Military Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Anyone who needs to talk about difficult experiences and needs an understanding friend is invited to attend.

Meetings are held at Church on Boll Weevil Circle located at 2017 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Ala. Call 334-894-6411 for more info.

Miss Elba Pageants set for Feb. 26th

The 2022 Miss Elba Pageants are set for Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Elba High School auditorium, beginning at 5 p.m.

All contestants from Kindergarten – Up must attend or have graduated from Elba City Schools.

Categories will include: Future Little Miss (age 3 – Kindergarten); Little Miss (age 1st Grade); Petite Miss (age 2nd & 3rd Grade); Young Miss (age 4th-6th Grade); Teen Miss (age 7th & 8th Grade); Junior Miss (age 9th and 10th Grade); and Miss (age 17 – by 10/14 through age 21).

Visit the Miss Elba Pageants facebook page for more information on the pageants.

Recreation volunteers work alongside Hanchey

and his department to ensure positive experiences for all youngsters, and Hanchey said he feels good about the leadership staff he currently has in place for Elba Parks and Recreation.

"William Moguel started with us right at the end of 2021, and he has been

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sports.

"It's more than just how good you are as a player," Hanchey said. "It's about building confidence and coordination, along with improving mental health, social skills, learning the importance of teamwork, discipline, and being a teammate. I wish more people would be able to see that."

Registration is underway now for youngsters ages 3-12 to participate in the upcoming baseball/softball/t-ball season. Registration will continue through Feb. 1st before team practices start.

The cost to register is \$40 for one child. If a family has two or more children in the household, there is a discounted rate for multiple children, and the most any family would have to pay for their youngsters to play rec ball in Elba is \$85.

Hanchey said the recreation department is planning to have a baseball/softball game for youngsters ages 7-12 in mid-February [Feb 15th, 17th, and 18th]. Also, he said the department would like to hold a camp for 5 & 6-year-olds on Feb. 7th, 8th, and 10th, but that is tentative right now.

Additionally, as the department prepares for baseball/softball/t-ball season, the need for coaches always remains, and Hanchey said there definitely is a need currently for t-ball coach volunteers.

"We welcome anyone willing to volunteer and give of their time, even if it is just someone who wants to be in the field or responsible for the dugout, etc.," he said. "We want parental involvement, and we try to encourage it. I think parental involvement is vital."

Recreation volunteers work alongside Hanchey and his department to ensure positive experiences for all youngsters, and Hanchey said he feels good about the leadership staff he currently has in place for Elba Parks and Recreation.



great as our new programs coordinator," Hanchey said. "He stepped right in and is doing a great job."

Also, Hanchey said he could not say enough about Adam Spicer as he has stepped into the role of head of grounds/facilities for the department.

"Adam has taken on some projects as of late, and he has provided great leadership with those projects, doing a fantastic job," he said.

One project is the replacement of the dugouts at Legion Field. Hanchey said Spicer is doing great work in replacing the dugouts at that park getting things ready for the upcoming baseball season.

Also, he said Elba Parks and Recreation is slated to host baseball district tournaments this summer for the 9 & 10-year-old and 11 & 12-year-old divisions. Both those tournaments will be ongoing at the same time, and Hanchey said he would like to host both at Hawkins-Williams Park, which required the depart-

ment to have portable pitching mounds.

"After pricing some and seeing how expensive those were, I thought it might be something we could do on our own and save a few thousand dollars," he said. "I kind of laid out for Adam what I wanted, and he ran with it. All we need to do now is order turf to get it on the mounds and they will be done!"

Hanchey said not only did that save the department and city money, but it further shows just how great a job Spicer does in his role as head of grounds/facilities for Elba Parks and Recreation.

Hanchey said it is always good to see youngsters out running around and having a good time; therefore, he strongly encourages those ages 3-12 to consider signing up now for the upcoming baseball/softball/t-ball season. For more information, or to sign a child up, call the Elba Parks and Recreation at (334) 897-6833 or email: recreation@elbaal.gov

Elba Parks and Recreation Youth Basketball Schedule Upcoming Games:

Saturday, Jan. 22 @ Zion Chapel

10 a.m. – 10U Boys
11 a.m. – 12U Girls
12 noon – 12U Boys

Monday, Jan. 24, @ Samson

6 p.m. – 10U Boys
7 p.m. – 12U Boys

Monday, Jan. 24 @ New Brockton

6:30 p.m. – 12U Girls

Thursday, Jan. 27 vs. New Brockton @ Elba High gym

6 p.m. – 10U Boys
7 p.m. – 12U Boys

Alabama extension to host annual Wiregrass Cotton Expo on Feb. 11

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host the 2022 Wiregrass Cotton Expo on Friday, Feb. 11, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Ala.

The expo will feature a vendor tradeshow, and extension specialists speaking on a variety of topics including agronomic updates, the cotton market outlook for 2022, cotton chemical updates, and more.

Registration for the Wiregrass Cotton Expo begins at 7:30 a.m. with the expo beginning at 8:30 a.m. The expo is free to attend and includes a sponsored lunch for those who attend. There will also be CCA

and Pesticide points available for license holders.

For more information, contact the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center at 334-693-3800.

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